SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Sir, if the grant of this identity card is an index, is a mark, of citizenship...

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: This is my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are giving so many explanations.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: I get your question. I remember now.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: There are two aspects of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot go on likke this. You cannot go on mentioning aspects and so on. It is more than a supplementary.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: He is asking me to repeat.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: I have followed his question. He is asking whether the issue of identification cards is a proof of citizenship. That is the question he has asked.

Sir, in our country we do not issue citizenship certificate to everyone. It is given to only those who are eligible, who come from outside and if they apply for the same. It has nothing to do with citizenship. So, I beg to differ on this point with him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

**CBI Investigation into the Disappearance of a Press Correspondent**

*22. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR†

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has since completed its investigation into the disappearance of the Press Correspondent of 'Amar Ujala' Shri Dobhal, from Pauri District of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof and what follow-up action has been taken on the basis of the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Investigation in the C.B.I. case registered on 12.9.1988 is in the initial stages.

**श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** माननीय सभापति महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश में पौड़ी के अदर "अमर उजाला" के संवाददाता उमेश डोभाल के बारे में प्रश्न पूछा है । वह 25 माच को गायब हो गये और उसके बाद 12 सितम्बर को सी.बी.आई. की इंक्वायरी की गयी । इसके बीच में वहां की जनता का आंदोलन चलता रहा। 12 मई को वहां के जनलिस्टों ने प्रोसैशन निकाला, आवेदन पत्र दिया । 3 जून को वहां एक अत्यन्त विशाल जुलूस निकला जो 3 किलोमीटर लम्बा था और जिसमे हजारों महिलायें थीं । जब यह स्थिति आयी तो 12-9-88 को यह इंक्वायरी की गयी । मैं क्या मंत्री महोदय से यह जान सकता हूं कि 6 महीने बाद सी.बी.आई. की इंक्वायरी सतत् मांग करने के बाद क्यों की गई और कब तक इसकी रिपोर्ट की आशा करते हैं ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, on 15th October, 1988, CBI has submitted their report before the Supreme Court. Now the case is before the Supreme Court. They have to take a decision. The delay was caused because as per the procedure CBI first made preliminary inquiry, then they went into the final inquiry. This is the first report which they have submitted on 15th October, 1988, to the Supreme Court.

**श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** माननीय सभापति जी, कई प्रदेशों में विशेषकर उत्तर

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Ashwani Kumar.

प्रदेश में पिछले साल, डेढ़ साल में कई पत्रकारों के ऊपर हमले हुये हैं। ऐसा लगता है माफिया ड्रग्स आदि उनके अंदर है और उन्हें वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधिकारियों और राजनीतिक दलों का वरदहस्थ प्राप्त है। उसके चलते यह सब हो रहा है। मैं कुछ उदाहरण आपके सामने रखना चाहता हूं। 4 नवम्बर को 'नवभारत टाइम्स' के राकेश कुमार के ऊपर हमला हुआ। 11 दिसम्बर को अरुण कुमार, एडीटर, 'सीतापुर टाइम्स' और 'पंजाब केसरी' के मोती लाल मारे गये।

**श्री सभापति :** आप प्रश्न पूछिए।

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : मैं प्रश्न ही पूछ रहा हूं।

**श्री सभापति :** अगर इस तरह से करते रहे तो यह बहुत लम्बा हो जायेगा। सब सवाल नहीं हो पायेंगे।

**श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी :** उनके पास जानकारी नहीं है। जानकारी दे रहे हैं।

**श्री सभापति :** सवाल कुछ, जवाब कुछ।

**श्री अश्विनी कुमार :** मैं यह पूछ रहा हूं कि यह जो पत्रकारों पर हमला हो रहा है इनकी सुरक्षा के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, law and order is a State subject. Each State takes care of all Indian citizens, including journalists. When CBI is asked to enquire a particular case, we take steps. Otherwise, all States are taking care of these journalists. If a particular case is brought to our notice, we shall certainly take care of that.

**श्री सभापति :** इन्होंने तीन-चार केस रफर किय हैं।

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: He can write to us. We shall see that these are also investigated.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: While thanking the Government for their decision to hold a CBI inquiry, I want to point out that the journalists of the country, for their investigative journalism, are being attacked in various parts. Whenever they go out and take up issues against Mafia and vested interest, they are persecuted. I have myself raised a number of cases in this House. There are the cases of Mr.Som Dutt whose skeleton has been found here is case of disappearance of Ms. Mayuri's husband, the Government has not been able to trace him. I want to know whether the Government has issued any instructions to various State Governments to give adequate protection to journalists, who take risks in their professional work. Secondly, the UP Government approached the Central Government for ordering a CBI inquiry in this case of Mr. Umesh Dobhal. But before that the U.P. Government held a CID enquiry in this case. Have they informed the Centre about the results of the CID enquiry in this particular case which we are discussing?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, the CBI came into the picture as per the direction of the Supreme Court and naturally they would have taken the views of the State Government and their findings and must have seen the CID report.

As regards the report of the CBI, I cannot share that because the subject is *sub judice* as it is before the Supreme Court. It will be difficult for me to share any information with him.

As regards taking care of the journalists, I am sure each State Government takes care of them, but as desired by the hon. Member, we shall again take it up with the State Governments so that special care is taken in this regard.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: You should issue a set of guidelines.

**श्री राम नरेश यादव :** मान्यवर मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं, कि 25 मार्च, 1988 से यह मामला शुरू हुआ और उसके बाद बराबर निर्देश होते रहे, मांग की जाती रही, लेकिन फिर भी प्रदेश सरकार पत्रकारों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने में असमर्थ साबित हुयी और इसीलिये इस तरह की घटना घटाई गई क्योंकि उन्होंने माफिया का पर्दाफाश किया और उस माफिया को कांग्रेस के लोगों का संरक्षण था। केवल उनका वही अपराध था... (**व्यवधान**)।

SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI: This is absolutely wrong.

**श्री सभापति :** आप प्रश्न कीजिए।

**श्री राम नरेश यादव :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इस मामले में इतना विलम्ब क्यों किया गया ? अगर यह मामला सर्वोच्च न्यायालय में नहीं जाता तो केन्द्रीय सरकार नहीं जागती। इसलिये मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इतने दिनों तक विलम्ब का क्या औचित्य था जब कि साबित हो चुका था, आपके सामने सारी जानकारी हो चुकी थी ? आपने सी०बी०आई० से स्वतः जांच करने का फैसला क्यों नहीं लिया ? इसके साथ ही मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूं कि यह जांच कब तक कम्प्लीट हो जाएगी, क्या आप इसका कोई आश्वासन देंगे ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Sir, I cannot answer for the State Government. As I said, we came into the picture on the basis of the Supreme Court directive But I wholly disagree with him that it was because of the Congress(I)'s involvement in the picture. We do not believe in this. Rather we take firm action and in this case also, I can assure this august House that whatever be the findings, we shall take firm action against the culprits.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: May I know from the hon. Minister whether any light has been thrown by the CBI report as to what actually happened, which are the vested interests involved in the disappearance of this journalist and whether Government has received any CID report from the UP Government and which are the questions pending before the Supreme Court for decision?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: I wish I could share the findings of the report, but as I said, the matter is *sub judice* before the Supreme Court. I am afraid I cannot share the information and whatever the Member wants to know from me, I am unable to share with him.

**श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :** सभापति महोदय, अभी माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि पत्रकारों को एक नागरिक के संबंध में राज्य सरकारें संरक्षण प्रदान करेंगी। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि केन्द्र सरकार और राज्य सरकार के रूप में एक नागरिक के दो हिस्से तो नहीं हो सकते है। इसलिये मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि वह पत्रकार लापता हो गये या लापता कर दिये गये ? क्या वह जिन्दा है या जिन्दा नही है ? यह तो आपको मालूम होना चाहिये कि एक नागरिक जिन्दा है या नहीं है, लापता हुआ है या लापता कर दिया गया है ? अगर सरकार इतनी भी अपने नागरिकों के प्रति चिन्ता करती है तो कम से कम इतना स्पष्टीकरण तो आप दें।

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to know whether he is alive.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: There is no trace of him as yet. It will be difficult for me to say whether he is dead or alive.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 23. Absent.

*23. [*The questioner (Shri S. S. Ahluwalia) was absent. For answer* vide *col.* 34 *and* 35 infra].

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 24.

**Service Area Credit Scheme**

*24. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: **Will the Minister of FIN-**